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Section 1: Preliminary Statements.

In compliance with the duty of disclosure under 37 CFR §§ 1.56, 1.97 and 1.98, and in accordance with the provisions in the manual of patent examining procedure §§ 609 and 707.05(B), enclosed is Form PTO-1449 listing references that are known to applicant. Copies of each of the listed references are enclosed. This filing is timely because it is made during one of the periods described in 37 CFR § 1.97(b).

While this Information Disclosure Statement, and the references cited in any enclosed Form PTO-1449 may be "material" pursuant to 37 CFR § 1.56, submission of this Information Disclosure Statement and citation of references listed in any enclosed Form PTO-1449 are not intended to constitute an admission that any patent, publication or other information referred to herein is "prior art" for this invention unless specifically designated as such.

In accordance with 37 CFR 1.97(g), the filing of this Information Disclosure Statement shall not be construed to mean that a search has been made or that no other material information as defined in 37 CFR 1.56(a) exists.

It is respectfully requested that the listed references be considered in the examination of this application and identified on the list of references cited on the patent issuing for this application. Applicant also requests that an initialed copy of Form PTO-1449 be entered in the application file and returned to Applicant with the next communication from the office in accordance with MPEP §609.

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Section 2. FORM 1449.

A list of patents and publications is set forth on the enclosed Form PTO-1449.

Section 3. Statement as to Information Material to Examination Not Found In Patents or Publications.

Both of the Declarations referenced below contain information and provide exhibits, some of which are proprietary to the assignee of the above-identified application. Specifically, the first of the below-referenced Declarations and some of the Exhibits thereto, as well as Exhibit B to the second of the below-referenced Declarations contain information proprietary to the assignee of the above-identified application in the form of descriptions of business strategies and identities of companies with which the predecessor in interest of the assignee negotiated. Accordingly, to the extent to which a Declaration and/or its exhibits contain proprietary information, the Declaration and/or the exhibits thereto are submitted herewith under MPEP § 724.02 in a sealed container labeled in accordance with MPEP § 724.02. Reference is made as follows:

Reference is made to the Declaration by John Dietz, entitled "VERIFIED STATEMENT (DECLARATION) NUMBER 1 IN SUPPORT OF INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT IN U.S. APPLICATION SERIAL NOS. 09/684,010, 09/684,871, 09/684,870, 09/684,808, 09/684,869, 09/685,078, 09/680,649, 09/680,654, 09/684,865, 09/685,077, 09/684,014, 09/684,861, 09/684,152, 09/684,866, 09/820,377, AND 09/820,292", executed July 20, 2001, enclosed herewith, including the attachments thereto (the Declaration and some of the exhibits thereto contain information proprietary to the assignee of the above-identified application in the form of descriptions of business strategies and identities of companies with which the predecessor in interest of the assignee negotiated. Accordingly, the Declaration and the exhibits thereto are submitted herewith under MPEP § 724.02 in a sealed container labeled in accordance with MPEP § 724.02); and

Reference is further made to the Declaration by John Dietz, entitled "VERIFIED STATEMENT (DECLARATION) NUMBER 2 IN SUPPORT OF INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT IN U.S. APPLICATION SERIAL NOS. 09/684,010, 09/684,871, 09/684,870, 09/684,808, 09/684,869, 09/685,078, 09/680,649, 09/680,654,

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09/684,865, 09/685,077, 09/684,014, 09/684,861, 09/684,152, 09/684,866, 09/820,377, AND 09/820,292", executed July 20, 2001, enclosed herewith, including the attachments thereto (Exhibit B to the Declaration contains information proprietary to the assignee of the above-identified application in the form of descriptions of business strategies and identities of companies with which the predecessor in interest of the assignee negotiated. Accordingly, Exhibit B is submitted herewith under MPEP § 724.02 in a sealed container labeled in accordance with MPEP § 724.02).

Respectfully submitted,

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